

APPENDIX F

Memorandum of Understanding

between

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
and

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

for the

Conservation and Management of Fish and Wildlife Resources on Military Installations



WHEREAS the Department of Defense has jurisdiction over all military installations and facilities, and therefore has been entrusted with the responsibility to restore, improve and conserve and manage the renewable natural resources thereon in the public interest;

WHEREAS the Department of the Interior, functioning through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, is charged with the responsibility for the management and wise use of fish and wildlife resources throughout the United States, its territories and possessions;

WHEREAS Public Law 93-280, May 10, 1974, authorizes certain Federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, to detail personnel and loan equipment to the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior;

WHEREAS the Sikes Act (P.L. 86-361), Sikes Act Amendment (P.L. 90-465) and Sikes Act extension (P.L. 93-452)(6 US 670) authorize fish and wildlife conservation and rehabilitation and outdoor recreation programs on military reservations;

WHEREAS the Department of Defense recognizes fish and wildlife as important renewable natural resources which are found on most military installations and which must be managed properly to insure their availability for the enjoyment of future generations; it is therefore mutually agreed that:

THE Department of Defense will, with assistance from the Department of the Interior, and with cooperation from the various State fish and game agencies, manage the fish and wildlife resources on military reservations.

To effect this understanding:

THE Fish and Wildlife Service will, when required and as budgetary allocations permit, assist the Department of Defense, working with its Military Departments, by conducting investigations and providing technical assistance and services in fish and wildlife management on military reservations. Such services may include:

- (a) Development of a management plan for fish and wildlife on military reservations. The plan to be mutually agreed to by the military installation, the appropriate State fish and game agency and the Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (b) Conducting surveys of fish and wildlife and their habitat on military installations.
- (c) Providing technical assistance for the protection, restoration and control of fish and wildlife populations on

military installations.

- (d) Providing guidance and assistance to the Department of Defense in carrying out the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other Federal laws as they apply to fish and wildlife populations found on military installations.
- (e) Making available as requested, the services of a Law Enforcement Officer to aid in enforcing Federal fish and game regulations.

THE Department of Defense will, as budgetary allocations permit, have a fish and wildlife management plan developed for each military installation where there is suitable habitat for management and where management of fish and wildlife resources is consistent with the mission of the installation. Management policies and procedures will provide for the protection, restoration and control of all species and for harmonious interaction with other conservation goals and beneficial land uses. Hunting and fishing may be permitted on installations where sound management policies dictate and where these activities will not interfere with the mission of the installation. Fish and wildlife management and land use policies will be reviewed annually at the Service and Department level.

IMPLEMENTATION of Section 1 of P.L. 90-465 which authorizes the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program for the development of public outdoor recreation resources at military reservations will be by a separate cooperative plan mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior.

THE management of fish and wildlife resources on military reservations requires the exchange of information between the coordinating agencies. Representatives from the Department of Defense and the Fish and Wildlife Service will meet annually, as near as possible to the anniversary of the signing of this document unless otherwise requested by either agency, to review progress and/or suggested revisions to this agreement.

THIS Memorandum of Understanding supersedes the Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of the Interior and Defense for the conservation of fish and wildlife on military installations dated July 11, 1960.

THIS Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective when approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Defense and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by either party.



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